

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION

GREGORY DOWDELL,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 2:24-cv-363-ECM-SMD
	)	(WO)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF	)	
CORRECTIONS, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Plaintiff, proceeding pro se under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, filed this case on June 17, 2024. Doc. 1. Although Plaintiff moved to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Doc. 2), he did not submit information about the balance in his inmate account from the facility where he is incarcerated. Consequently, on July 24, 2024 (Doc. 4), the court entered an order directing Plaintiff to submit his inmate account statement by August 8, 2024, to support his motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The court's July 24, 2024 order specifically warned Plaintiff that his failure to comply would result in a recommendation of dismissal. *Id.* at 2.

To date, Plaintiff has failed to comply with or respond to the court's order of July 24, 2024. Because of Plaintiff's failure to comply with the court's order, the undersigned concludes that this case should be dismissed without prejudice. *Moon v. Newsome*, 863 F.2d 835, 837 (11th Cir. 1989) (stating that dismissal for failure to obey a court order is generally not an abuse of discretion where litigant has been forewarned). The authority to impose sanctions for failure to prosecute or obey an order is longstanding and

acknowledged by Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *See Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 629–30 (1962). This authority empowers the courts “to manage their own affairs so as to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases.” *Id.* at 630–31; *Mingo v. Sugar Cane Growers Co-Op of Fla.*, 864 F.2d 101, 102 (11th Cir. 1989) (holding that “[t]he district court possesses the inherent power to police its docket”). “The sanctions imposed [upon dilatory litigants] can range from a simple reprimand to an order dismissing the action with or without prejudice.” *Mingo*, 864 F.2d at 102.

Accordingly, the undersigned Magistrate Judge RECOMMENDS that this case be DISMISSED without prejudice.

Further, it is ORDERED that by **September 11, 2024**, the parties may file objections to this Recommendation. The parties must specifically identify the factual findings and legal conclusions in the Recommendation to which objection is made. Frivolous, conclusive or general objections will not be considered by the court. This Recommendation is not a final order, and it is therefore not appealable. Failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) will bar a party from a de novo determination by the District Court of legal and factual issues covered in the Recommendation and waive the right of the party to challenge on appeal the District Court’s order based on unobjected-to factual and legal conclusions accepted or adopted by the District Court except upon grounds of plain error or manifest injustice. *See* 11TH CIR. R. 3–1.

DONE this 28th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Stephen M. Doyle  
STEPHEN M. DOYLE  
CHIEF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE